



**FOREST LAKE AREA SCHOOLS
FOREST LAKE, MN 55025**

November 3, 2016

AGENDA ITEM: 10.4

TOPIC: New Course Proposal – Immersion Spanish 4

BACKGROUND:

As the Spanish immersion program has grown in Forest Lake Area Schools, we have continued to expand the immersion opportunities available to our secondary students. Over the past few years our junior high offerings have grown to include Immersion Spanish 1, 2 and 3. In order to continue the sequence of Spanish immersion courses and to expand the rich immersion experiences available to our students as they enter high school, we are proposing the addition of Immersion Spanish 4.

PROCESS:

World Language teachers and the administration, along with staff from the Teaching and Learning department, met to consider the options for Spanish immersion students in Forest Lake Area Schools. Because immersion students have unique needs and because they have already learned the content from the traditional Spanish 4 course, it was determined that a true immersion Spanish 4 course would best meet the needs of the students. Since the existing high school advanced immersion offerings, Popular Literature in Spanish and Advanced Placement Spanish Literature, have a literature focus, the Spanish department worked to develop a course that is a hybrid of a language and literature course in which the instruction, discussion, and writing are completely in Spanish. The attached course outline details the standards and learning objectives central to the course to ensure that Immersion Spanish 4 will provide a rigorous and engaging immersion experience for our high school students.

RECOMMENDATION: First Reading of Proposed New Course